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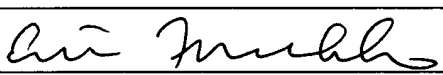
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Sir:

In response to the final office action issued December 17, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 54 without prejudice to its reentry and amend the remaining claims as follows:

25. A method for securing a spacer to an implant integrated in bone, the method comprising: